

Big Sandy Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8th 3:00 p.m.

A. Caleb called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

B. Board/School Reports

Board-The district's audit has been completed, and we have healthy fund balances overall. Mr. Wilson offered a copy to the committee to view. A couple of weeks ago, school was cancelled due to the forecast of adverse weather. The 2022-23 school calendar was passed out to everyone. Christmas break will be switched next year to more time after New Year's Day. There are around 100 bills being considered in the legislature currently dealing with education. At the state level, a priority is to pay down the negative factor. School funding looks good for next year. Our district is currently advertising for elementary teachers, high school pe, secondary science, and athletic director. Regarding ESSER money, Mr. Wilson received feedback from the community and staff members. Some of the money was spent on intervention curriculum, hiring of an extra para, stipends for staff retention, and the purchase of other needed supplies.

Elementary-Parent/teacher conferences went well. Teachers made contact with all of their students' parents either in person or by phone. Read Across America was celebrated last week. The elementary's goal was 600 books, and we read 827 books collectively. Several teachers paired up with secondary classes to have students buddy read together, and parents/family members joined in the fun and read to classes as well. The week ended with a reading celebration complete with snacks and Minute to Win it games that were also ran by parents. One parent even donated 200 cupcakes for students to enjoy. Preschool and kindergarten round ups have been set for April 8th and 15th. An online form is available for parents to sign up for testing. The end of the third quarter was on Thursday. Report cards should go home this Thursday. CMAS testing will take place in April. The elementary is currently reviewing new math curriculum for the 2022-23 school year.

Secondary-Eighth grade took the NAEPE test to give an idea of any gaps that had been created by Covid. Significant gaps have been noticed among new students. Parent/teacher conferences went well. The freshmen class hosted a community service project in collecting shoes. Jr/Sr prom planning has begun. Mrs. Swennes' goal is to finish evaluations by April. Both girl's and boy's basketball teams made it to regionals. JH wrestling has begun. A meet was added on the 9th which will be tomorrow. The IA class will be going on a field trip. The band is participating in a contest, and the choir will be in a contest next week. NHS has an induction tonight. Sixth grade will be going on their museum field trip soon. Cub's Crew will be hosting a dance after spring break. End of year activities have been scheduled. An e-sports team has been started in the high school. Six students are signed up to participate.

C. Kid's Korner/Key Communicators

Kid's Korner-Patrick, a volunteer helping with IA, is allowing the IA class to see his former business. Next Wednesday, the choir will be competing against other school choirs. Drama is going to see a play tomorrow. On the 10th, they will be performing "Aladdin". Baseball started last Monday. Only two players have been practicing due to basketball. They will be joining soon. FBLA is working on their state competition projects. State FBLA will take place in April. New equipment has been purchased for baseball and track. The prom theme is "Neon Lights".

Supplies have been ordered. NHS will be inducting seven new members tonight. Third quarter honor roll will be celebrating with root beer floats soon. JH has their second meet last night. Collectively, Simla earned over 90 points. One of our teams is currently in first place.

Key Communicators-No news to report.

D. Title I/Preschool/Vocational

Title 1-Nothing to report.

Preschool-Our preschool was approved for a \$30,000 grant that will be given in equal payments over the next year, not including June and July. Preschool roundup will be on April 15th.

Vocational-Mr. Wilson has been working on program approvals. He asked students if they wanted to keep the programs that we have. They answered with an emphatic "YES". In business, we are offering civics, computer science, vegas/multimedia, accounting, and cyber security, coding. Certifications are offered for some of these courses. One student stated that they would like to see more tech classes like welding, or offering more classes for trade-based careers. Another student mentioned that they would like to see more college credit classes be offered here at Big Sandy.

E. Nutritional Report

A nutrition report was sent to all members to view. Students mentioned that our lunches are good, and the cooks are accommodating to those with special dietary restrictions. Dalton moved to accept the report, and Willie seconded. Motion passed.

F. Safety Update

We will be having a fire drill soon. A new net is in the gym to divide it into two sections which will accommodate more students. Thank you to Mrs. Swennes.

G. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be April 12, 2022.

